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## Biography

Abby Burke joined Kostelanetz LLP in 2022 after receiving her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. Abby's practice focuses on white-collar defense and tax controversy, and she has assisted clients at all stages of the civil and criminal process, from investigation and sentencing to IRS audits and appeals.

Abby's practice primarily focuses on white-collar defense and tax controversy. In her time at Kostelanetz, Abby has assisted in multiple high-stakes criminal matters, where her attention to detail and written advocacy have helped achieve successful outcomes. Recently, Abby drafted a sentencing submission which ultimately helped persuade the court to issue a sentence of less than half the time recommended by the federal Sentencing Guidelines. Abby has also participated in several IRS audits and appeals, and in one notable case, Abby was able to help secure the reversal of over \$60 million in penalties assessed against two trusts.

Abby also maintains an active pro bono practice. In 2023, she successfully negotiated a settlement of zero tax due for a client in Tax Court, and she helped to secure complete abatement of two penalties assessed by the IRS against a nonprofit organization.

Abby received her B.A. in Social Studies from Harvard University in 2019. Her senior thesis, "Inside the Black Box: A Study of Prosecutorial Power and Discretion in Indiana," was based on interviews with prosecutors from over 30 counties and earned a high honors distinction. In 2022, Abby received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was a member of the Virginia Law Review and a finalist in the William Minor Lile Moot Court Competition. At Kostelanetz, Abby has continued to enhance her skills by taking litigation training courses at Villanova Law School and by actively participating in the ABA Tax Section, where she is a vice-chair of the Women in Tax Forum.

## Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D. (2022)
- Harvard University, B.A. (2019), *magna cum laude*

## Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- Washington, D.C.

## Publications

- "A Third Party Beneficiary Theory of Corporate Liability for Labor Violations in International Supply Chains," *Virginia Law Review* (2022).
- "Overview of the Corporate Transparency Act: How Companies and their Advisors Can Prepare," *CPA Journal* (2023).
- "Making your Case in Tax Court," *ABA Tax Times* (2024).